

Summary Minutes from the Animal Services Ad Hoc Committee Meeting November 15, 2005

The Animal Services Ad Hoc Committee met on November 15th, 2005 with Tom Miller, County Executive Officer and Rich Colwell, Chief Assistant County Executive Office to discuss current issues and future opportunities regarding the delivery of animal services in Placer County.

Mike Winters, Health and Human Services Animal Services Program Manager, provided a summary of recent accomplishments in animal services (Attachment 1).

Participants engaged in a roundtable discussion of interests and concerns. Highlights of that discussion were as follows:

- City stakeholders discussed the status of contract negotiations and the revised cost distribution methodology for spreading costs among Placer County and the contract cities of Lincoln, Loomis, Rocklin, Colfax and Auburn;
- City of Truckee, Placer County and the Humane Society are nearing completion of a needs assessment and continue to explore funding and partnership possibilities;
- Animal Advocacy representatives inquired about the location and number of future shelters, exploring alternatives for future governance models, and expressed interest in educational opportunities and in finding alternatives to sheltering animals.

Tom Miller expressed the County's commitment to working with community partners and to identifying collaborative fund-raising opportunities. He also suggested that future planning should mirror recent justice facility planning efforts that resulted in separate South County facilities to meet population growth, in addition to maintaining a foothills presence. He suggested a four-pronged group configuration for the Ad Hoc Committee to proceed with the work that lies ahead. The groups and the respective leads are identified below:

- Truckee Collaboration – Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Interim Auburn Shelter Needs – Mike Winters, Animal Services Program Manager;
- Facility Needs – Auburn and West County – Rob Unholz, Capital Improvements Manager;
- Council of Non-Profit Agencies – Lead TBD

Tom Miller also directed County staff to continue working with city partners on contract issues, as well as exploration of shelter design and governance models.

The group agreed to reconvene monthly at the County Executive Office, located at 175 Fulweiler Avenue in Auburn.